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## EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY RECORD

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DR. GEOFFREY WHITEType:  Telephonic  Personal (copy is given to  applicant  applicant's representative).Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:  Yes  No. If yes, brief description: SELF-EXPANDING STENTS

OF VARYING RADIAL DIAMETERS WERE DEMONSTRATED

Agreement  was reached with respect to some or all of the claims in question.  was not reached.

Claims discussed: VARIOUS

Identification of prior art discussed: PINCHASIK ET AL. ('373), BROWN, MAEDA ET AL. ('767)

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: CLAIM LANGUAGE WAS DISCUSSED, INCLUDING ADDING NITINOL

AND THE CONCEPT OF PRESET MAXIMUM DIAMETER TO  
THE INDEPENDENT CLAIMS TO DISTINGUISH OVER THE ART

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

Unless the paragraphs below have been checked to indicate to the contrary, A FORMAL WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION IS NOT WAIVED AND MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW (e.g., items 1-7 on the reverse side of this form). If a response to the last Office action has already been filed, then applicant is given one month from this interview date to provide a statement of the substance of the interview.

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview.
- Since the examiner's interview summary above (including any attachments) reflects a complete response to each of the objections, rejections and requirements that may be present in the last Office action, and since the claims are now allowable, this completed form is considered to fulfill the response requirements of the last Office action.

  
Examiner's Signature